

4 SLA militiamen hurt in clash

TEL AVIV (R) — Four militiamen of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) were wounded in clashes with commandos in the Israeli-declared security zone in southern Lebanon, security sources said. The men were injured when mortar fire hit an SLA position near Aiyshiyeh, north of the SLA stronghold of Marjayoun, the sources said. Fighting near Aiyshiyeh last Wednesday killed two Shi'ite militia guerrillas and one SLA militiaman. Elsewhere in the Marjayoun district, SLA forces Saturday intercepted guerrillas planting a roadside bomb near Taibe, the sources said, adding that the guerrillas withdrew when the SLA patrol arrived and there were no casualties on either side. United Nations peacekeeping forces in southern Lebanon have started a crash programme to fortify their positions since Shi'ite fighters last week overran a U.N. post, firing from the emplacement on nearby Israeli troops.

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Assad receives Lower House speaker

DAMASCUS (Petra) — Syrian President Hafez Al Assad received here on Sunday the speaker of the Lower House of Parliament and president of the Arab Parliamentary Union (APU), Mr. Akel Al Foz, currently on a visit to Syria. Bilateral relations and Arab and regional issues were reviewed during the meeting which was presided over by speaker of the Syrian People's Council Mahmoud Al Zu'bi. They also discussed the APU role in defending Arab causes. The meeting was attended by chairman of the Lower House Foreign Affairs Committee Rezaq Al Batayneh and chairman of the Lower House Committee for Occupied Territories Dawoud Suleiman. Later Sunday Mr. Foz met with Syrian Prime Minister Abdul Ra'ouf Al Kasbi. They discussed bilateral relations and means of boosting them.

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Crown Prince visits army unit

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, on Sunday visited a unit of the Third Royal Armoured Division and watched a training exercise in which live ammunition was used. The Regent talked with officers and soldiers of the unit, expressing his admiration for the level of training attained by them.

Iraq denies attacking civilians in Iran

BAGHDAD (R) — A military spokesman Sunday denied Iranian reports that Iraqi planes attacked civilian areas of Azar-baidjan province in western Iran Saturday. The spokesman said the Iraqi Air Force went into action Saturday against Iranian troops in the Majnoon Islands area on the southern warfront and against Iranian military positions in the north. Iraq said Saturday it had reoccupied several kilometres of territory in the Majnoon Islands area.

Sharaa arrives in Iran

NICOSIA, Syria (AP) — Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharaa, in a meeting Sunday in Tehran with his Iranian counterpart, renewed Damascus' support for Iran in the Gulf war against Iraq. Iran's official news agency reported. Mr. Sharaa arrived in Tehran on Sunday carrying a message from President Hafez Assad to his Iranian counterpart, Ali Khamenei, dealing with recent developments in the region and issues of mutual interest, Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

Israel, Soviets to discuss Mideast peace conference

TEL AVIV (R) — Foreign Minister Shimon Peres Sunday said Israel and the Soviet Union would be in contact next month over the issue of Soviet participation in a Middle East peace conference, armed forces radio reported. The radio said Peres told a weekly cabinet meeting that the contacts would focus on Israel's conditions for Soviet involvement in a U.N.-sponsored conference — the renewal of diplomatic relations severed by Moscow during the 1967 Middle East war and unlimited Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union. It gave no details on the framework for the contacts, but a Soviet delegation is due in Israel by early next month.

Iran detains oil tanker for inspection

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iran said Sunday its gunboats intercepted and detained an unidentified oil tanker passing through the Strait of Hormuz, and searched three other ships but let them go after no Iraq-bound cargo was found on board. The interception was carried out Saturday at the Gulf's only outlet, said a war communiqué reported by Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia. The ships' ownership and the flags they were flying were not disclosed.

CBJ reports on 1986 economic performance

GNP goes up as inflation drops to zero

AMMAN (Petra) — The Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) Sunday released its annual report, giving details about its operations in 1986 and a general review of the economic, monetary and financial developments in Jordan during the past year.

The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at current and real prices grew by 2.6 per cent in Jordan in the past year against 4.9 per cent in current and 1.9 in real prices in 1985, the report said.

It said that the Gross National Product (GNP) grew in 1986 by 3.7 per cent at current and real prices against a decline of 0.3 per cent in current and 3.2 per cent in real prices in the previous year.

The report attributed the improvement in the GNP growth rate to an increase in the activities of the industrial sector and such sectors as energy, water, finance and services, and due to an increase in money transfers by Jordanian expatriates, following

of 1986 and the continued fall in the exchange value of the U.S. dollar on world markets.

In addition, the Kingdom was adversely affected by a reduction in the volume of financial aid from Arab countries and a drop in the volume of national exports and also a gradual decrease in demand for Jordanian workers abroad, the report said.

The report noted that a drop in world inflation rates and the world economic recession played a part in maintaining prices in Jordan at a stable level and helped to reduce the inflation rate in the Kingdom from three per cent in 1985 to zero in 1986.

The report referred to Jordan's monetary policies and said that the CBJ maintained its stable policies designed to establish monetary stability, to ensure the convertibility of the dinar and to direct investments towards income-generating projects.

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Kuwait denies executing bombers

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwait has denied reports that it secretly carried out death sentences in April on two Iraqis and a Lebanese convicted of involvement in both attacks against the French and American embassies in 1983.

An Interior Ministry official told the official Kuwait News Agency KUNA Saturday night that the reports were "absolutely

baseless allegations, sheer concoction and completely false."

The Iranian News Agency IRNA Saturday quoted the weekly organ of the Iraqi Mujahideen opposition group as saying that Hussein Kasseem Hassan, Baker Abdul Ridha and Lebanese Elias Fouad Saab had been executed.

A Kuwait security court convicted them and 17 others in March 1984 of complicity in the

embassy and other bombings against public establishments.

Three of the 17, all Iraqis, were also sentenced in their absence to public hanging and are thought to have fled the country.

Kuwait at the time blamed the blasts on the banned Iraqi Al Da'wa Al Islamiya Movement, which advocates an Iranian-style government in Iraq.

Election date set for late deputy's seat

AMMAN (J.T.) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai announced Sunday that August 15 will be the date for holding by-elections to fill the vacant seat of the late Saoud Al Qadi, the deputy for the northern Bedon region. According to the new election law, by-elections will be held in the region between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on that day.

The Lower House and Upper House of Parliament held two separate meetings of their financial committees, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported. The Senate Committee, chaired by Speaker Ahmad Lawzi, discussed in its meeting an amended draft law controlling the operations of insurance companies in Jordan, a draft law on a loan agreement between the government and a Kuwaiti fund, and another on an oil concession agreement signed recently between the government and the National Resources Authority (NRA) and Petrofina, a Belgian oil exploration company. The three laws had been passed last week by the House and are

Syria tops agenda of today's EC meeting

COPENHAGEN (R) — Relations with Syria will top the agenda when European Community (EC) foreign ministers meet in Copenhagen Monday for a day of talks on foreign policy cooperation, community officials said Sunday.

The EC banned high-level diplomatic contacts as part of sanctions imposed on Syria in 1986 for its alleged role in an alleged plot to blow up an Israeli airliner in London.

But several West European governments feel the ban is hindering attempts to break the deadlock in Middle East peace efforts.

Syria is seen as a key factor in the peace equation and as a possible mediator in securing the release of Western hostages held in Lebanon.

The difficulties were highlighted last spring when Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans visited several Middle East countries as president of the EC's council of ministers but was forced to exclude Syria.

Britain originally asked for the ban, but made clear at a European summit in Brussels last month that it would not stand in the way of community partners who wished to resume contacts.

But British officials said London would not renew its own diplomatic relations with Damascus.

East-West relations will also feature in Monday's talks between the foreign ministers. They can expect a report from West German Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher on his recent visit to Moscow with President Richard von Weizsaecker.

On the Gulf war, and the growing threat it presents to world shipping in the region, Britain and France will report to the EC foreign ministers on a recent United Nations Security Council resolution calling for a ceasefire between Iraq and Iran.

But officials said there was unlikely to be a European initiative over the Gulf, as EC governments were happy to let the United Nations take the lead.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, receives Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi in Amman Sunday. Also present is Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri (Petra photo).

Regent, Klibi discuss inter-Arab ties, developments in Middle East

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Sunday conferred with Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi who arrived in Amman Saturday for discussions in inter-Arab relations and developments in the Middle East.

During the meeting, Prince Hassan and Mr. Klibi reviewed the situation in the Arab World and in the international arena. They discussed means of unifying Arab ranks, the current efforts for ending the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Iran-Iraq war, according to the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

Petra said Prince Hassan discussed with Mr. Klibi coordination between the Arab League and Jordan in cultural and scientific fields.

Mr. Klibi earlier met with Prime Minister Zaid Rifai in the presence of Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri and reviewed with him developments on the Arab scene.

They discussed in particular the work of the seven-member Arab committee which has been entrusted with holding contacts with various governments in a bid to end the Gulf conflict.

Mr. Klibi paid tribute to His Majesty King Hussein's efforts to bring an end to the Gulf war and in seeking Arab solidarity. He also praised the King's efforts in seeking an international Middle East peace conference.

Mr. Masri and Mr. Klibi, who met earlier Sunday, stressed the importance of joint Arab action and called for support for specialised Arab agencies that can contribute to serving Arab interests.

According to Petra, Mr. Masri and Mr. Klibi also discussed current efforts on the Arab and international levels to bring an end to the Gulf conflict.

Mr. Masri, who is one of the seven members in the Arab committee, briefed the Arab League secretary general on the committee's recent talks with British leaders in London on means of ending the Gulf conflict.

Later Sunday, Mr. Klibi left for Kuwait. He is also expected to visit Saudi Arabia where he will hold talks on holding an Arab summit conference.

Mr. Klibi arrived in Kuwait on Sunday night to confer with Kuwaiti leaders on ways to end the Iran-Iraq war, Reuters news

agency reported.

The Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) quoted him as saying he would discuss "efforts under way and efforts that may be taken in the future to speed an end to the war and reach an honourable peace guaranteeing the legitimate rights of the Iraqi and Iranian people."

He said the 21-member league stood by Kuwait "in the delicate circumstances which the Gulf region is passing through."

Kuwait has been assailed by Iran for supporting Iraq in the conflict and shipping associated with the northern Gulf emirate has been singled out for Iranian attack in recent months.

Arab foreign ministers passed a resolution on the war last year condemning the occupation of Arab land, a reference to Iranian occupation of parts of Iraq.

But effective action has been hampered by divisions between Arab states.

The Iranian News Agency IRNA said Sunday Syria's Foreign Minister Farouq Al-Sbara reiterated his country's support for Iran during a visit to Tehran Sunday.

PSD seizes JD 250,000 worth of drugs in 4 smuggling operations

AMMAN (Petra) — A quarter

tonne of hashish and an unspecified amount of heroin with a street value estimated at JD 250,000, from four different smuggling operations, have been seized by the Public Security Department (PSD). Most of those involved in the trafficking operations were arrested.

The head of PSD's Anti-narcotics Division, Colonel Hashem Al Qaisi, said Sunday that 26 of 32 persons believed to be involved in the drug trafficking operations have been apprehended. He said that those involved are of Jordanian, Lebanese, Syrian and Egyptian nationalities.

"Early this year, we learnt about a group of drug traffickers smuggling drugs from Lebanon to the Arabian peninsula through Jordanian territory. The police

placed the group under strict surveillance," Col. Qaisi said.

He said one of the trucks with a Kuwaiti number plate was impounded. A subsequent search showed that 206 kilograms of hashish were hidden inside its compartments. A total of 16 persons involved in the smuggling of that amount were apprehended, he said.

According to Col. Qaisi, the group members were found to have taken part in previous drug trafficking operations and had succeeded in smuggling 212 captagon pills in addition to 65 kilograms of hashish into Saudi Arabia and 115 kilograms of hashish into Qatar.

In another case, police apprehended a group of drug traffickers who were smuggling

heroin from Pakistan to West Germany and other European nations through Jordanian territory.

In a third case, police arrested a group smuggling heroin from Lebanon to Jordan. In a fourth case, a group of smugglers were caught trying to smuggle 32 kilograms of hashish to Saudi Arabia, according to Col. Qaisi who did not give specific dates for the arrests.

On May 9, Col. Qaisi announced that the anti-narcotics squad seized 310 kilograms of hashish and an unspecified amount of heroin and other drugs with a street value of JD 30,000. He said 43 persons involved in the drug smuggling operation have been arrested including 24 who were non-Jordanians.

White South African delegation, ANC call for negotiated settlement

DAKAR, Senegal (AP) — Liberal white South Africans and the banned African National Congress issued a joint communique Sunday supporting a negotiated settlement of South Africa's problems and calling for the release of all political prisoners.

The communique, released at the end of the three-day meeting in Dakar, said the participants "unanimously expressed preference for a negotiated solution" but "recognised that the attitude of those in power is the principal obstacle to progress."

"It was further accepted that the unconditional release of all political leaders in prison or detention and the unbanning of organisations are fundamental prerequisites for such negotiations to take place," the communique said.

Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert,

former leader of the South African opposition Progressive Federal Party, read the joint communique to reporters.

Pretoria has refused to talk with the ANC unless it renounces its support for armed struggle. The ANC and other anti-apartheid movements within South Africa say there can be no negotiations without the unbanning of the ANC and the release of its leader, Nelson Mandela, who was jailed in 1964.

Mr. Slabbert led a mostly Afrikaner delegation of 51 white South Africans — a cross-section of politicians, businessmen, farmers, artists and sports figures — to the largest meeting ever between liberal whites and the radical black guerrilla movement.

Mr. Slabbert said he hoped a wider cross-section of South Africans would be involved in future

meetings with the ANC "to dispel the misunderstanding and fear and to reinforce the broad democratic movement."

"Our intention is to meet again. We have a much clearer idea of the situation. Our country is riddled with disinformation," he said.

Right-wing Afrikaner groups and South Africa's government-controlled media have denounced the Dakar meetings as treasonous and called on President P.W. Botha to punish the participants.

Mr. Slabbert said he was willing to meet with the extreme right-wing Afrikaner Resistance Movement to discuss the purpose and results of the conference.

ANC leaders said they believed the liberal South Africans would work actively to support the anti-apartheid movement.

Rifai leaves to join King in London

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai Sunday left for a brief visit to Britain, to join His Majesty King Hussein in the talks which the King will hold Monday in London with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

The talks will centre on the latest developments in the Middle East as well as bilateral relations.

Mr. Rifai was seen off at the airport by Deputy Prime Minister Abdul Wahab Al Majali and a number of ministers.

The King and Her Majesty Queen Noor arrived in Britain on Friday for a private visit during which the King patronised the graduation ceremony at a British Royal Air Force (RAF) school at Valley, Wales.

The King, who was the chief guest at the graduation ceremony, presented His Royal Highness Prince Faisal, who was one of the graduates, with five trophies along with his wings.

Envoy: U.K. ready to reflag Kuwaiti tankers

KUWAIT (AP) — British Ambassador Peter Hinchcliffe said Sunday his country is ready to reflag Kuwaiti tankers if requested by the government of Kuwait, the Al Anbaa newspaper reported.

"So far, we did not receive any official request by the Kuwaiti government in this respect," London's ambassador to Kuwait said in an interview with Al Anbaa. "We in Britain say that any Kuwaiti application to reflag Kuwaiti tankers will be considered, taking into account the strong friendly relations hindering Kuwait and Britain," he told the paper.

"I personally feel there would be no problem in responding to Kuwait's request... it depends on the Kuwaiti government," he said.

Kuwait was a British protectorate until 1961, when the Arab Gulf nation became a full sovereign state.

The ambassador's remarks ran counter to earlier public statements made by Kuwaiti officials.

Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah told Western reporters two weeks ago that Kuwait approached the five permanent U.N. Security Council members, including Britain and France, to reflag Kuwaiti tankers to help move its oil exports through the Gulf in face of Iranian attacks. Sheikh Ali said Britain did not turn down the Kuwaiti request.

The United States is reflagging 11 of the 21-unit Kuwaiti tanker fleet and the Soviet Union has leased three tankers to Kuwait. These tankers would be entitled to protection by American and Soviet warships that patrol the Gulf waters. Britain also has a 3-unit armilla fleet that patrols the waterway.

Mr. Hinchcliffe disclosed that there were three tankers registered in Gibraltar which carry Kuwaiti crude. "They are tantamount to Britain-reflagged tankers," he added, without specifying whether they were Kuwaiti tankers registered in Gibraltar.

He also expressed Britain's preparedness to supply Kuwait with all its needs to weaponry. "We supplied Kuwait with eight Hawk training aircraft a year ago and 150 Chieftain tanks several years ago," he said.

The Kuwaiti government moved to protect its oil shipping lanes after Iran focused on Kuwait-related vessels for ship attacks in retaliation for Iraqi raids on Iranian oil tankers. Iraq and Iran have been at war since September 1980. Tehran accuses Kuwait of aiding the Iraqi war effort.

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Apple (Lebanese & Turkish) 300 / 250	Mallow	70 / 50
Banana	Marrow	160 / 120
Banana (Mukammal)	Onion (dry)	120 / 80
Beet	Orange (local)	160 / 120
Cabbage	Okra	300 / 320
Carrot	Pepper (hot)	150 / 120
Cauliflower	Pepper (sweet)	180 / 120
Cucumbers	Plum	700 / 600
Eggplant (large)	Potato	170 / 80
Eggplant (small)	Raddish	120 / 90
Garlic	Swetmelon	150 / 100
Grapes	Tomatoes	100 / 60

Scout movement develops responsible youth — Dahiyat

AMMAN (Petra) — The second national conference of scout movement and girlguides in Jordan began Sunday at the Royal Cultural Centre under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, with the participation of some 215 scout leaders and girlguides in the country.

Addressing the conference, Minister of Youth Eid Dahiyat, deputising for the Crown Prince, said that the scouts and girlguides movement is a major social and educational institution which aims at preparing a responsible and self-reliant generation.

The conference, Dr. Dahiyat added, is a good opportunity for

scout leaders and girlguides to study ways of developing and improving the standard of the scout movement in order to spread this movement among the youth, and of unifying the scouting movement.

Dr. Dahiyat also called on the scout movement to utilise the potential of youth to contribute to community development.

Participants in the three-day conference are discussing working papers on the present conditions of the scouts movement, on means to deal with its problems, on training programmes, on local community development, and on the principles of the Great Arab Revolt.



Minister of Youth Eid Dahiyat, deputising for His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, attends the second national conference of the scout movement and girlguides held at the Royal Cultural Centre on

Sunday. Later, Dr. Dahiyat addressed the conference, stressing the need to encourage responsible and self-reliant young people in the Kingdom (Petra photo).

Panel examines ways to lessen earthquake damage

AMMAN (J.T.) — A five-day symposium on reducing the effects of earthquakes in Jordan resumed Sunday with lectures on the earthquake zones in Jordan.

Lecturers, from many countries including Jordan, also outlined means of designing earthquake-resistant structures, bridges and dams.

The symposium, which opened Saturday, has been organised by the Ministry of Planning in cooperation with the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

Attending the meetings are engineers, technicians and personnel from the Ministries of Planning, Energy and Mineral Resources, Public Works, Municipal and Rural Affairs, the Natural Resources Authority, the Royal

Scientific Society (RSS), Jordanian universities, the Greater Amman Municipality and the Civil Defence Department.

Addressing the opening session Saturday was RSS President Jawad Al Anani who reviewed Jordan's efforts in gathering information about earthquakes and reviewed the history of earthquakes in the Middle East.

In 1985, Jordan signed an agreement with the Kuwaiti based Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development to obtain a 450,000 Kuwaiti dinar loan for a project designed to minimise the effects of earthquakes in the Kingdom, Dr. Anani said.

The project purchased equipment for a national seismological network and financed training programmes in seismological fields, he said.

Greek minister leaves on positive note

AMMAN (Petra) — Greek Minister of Transport Constantine Badouvas ended his three-day visit to Jordan and left for home Sunday evening, describing his talks here as positive.

The Greek minister, who held talks with a number of Jordanian ministers and senior officials, paid tribute to Jordanian-Greek relations.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Badouvas met with Minister of Communications Mubieddine Al Hussein and reviewed Jordanian-Greek cooperation in communications.

The Greek minister said his country hoped to expand technical cooperation between the two countries and added that his visit to Jordan at the head of an official delegation allowed him to inspect Jordan's achievements in transport and communications.

The meeting was attended by Minister of Transport Ahmad Dakhan with whom the Greek minister held talks on transport cooperation between Greece and Jordan.

The Greek minister later made a statement to the Jordan News

Agency, Petra, in which he paid tribute to efforts by His Majesty King Hussein for his endeavours to bring peace to the Middle East.

He said that Greek-Jordanian relations are witnessing a new stage of cooperation in cultural and economic fields.

The Greek minister and his delegation also toured archaeological and tourist sites in Madaba and were briefed on their historical background by Mr. Nasri Atallah, director general of Tourism Authority.

Black Forest band serves slice of Germany

By Peter Baratta
Special to the Jordan Times

JERASH — From a small village nestled in West Germany's Black Forest comes one of the most tradition-stepped groups to perform at this year's Jerash Festival.

Sporting festive costumes and performing folk dances to the sounds of brass horns and drums, the 55-member Musical Association of Bernau are scheduled to play at the Forum tonight, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

The history of most musical associations in Germany date back to the post-1848 revolution period, when people wanted to assemble into social, non-political organisations, of which musical groups were among the most popular, said Mrs. Carola Mueller-Holtkemper, press and culture secretary at the West German embassy.

Mrs. Mueller-Holtkemper said it is common for each town and village in West Germany to have at least one musical group that meets regularly to practise and socialise together. "This is part of the community life," she said.

The groups, whose costumes and performances differ in each



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region of the country, usually perform during local festivities, including Autumn harvest celebrations, she said.

One of the most famous and colourful folk groups in Baden-Wuerttemberg region of the south, the Bernau association was invited to this year's Jerash Festival at the request of the West German ambassador, who visits Bernau whenever he travels to his home country, Mrs. Mueller-Holtkemper said.

Following their shows at the Jerash Festival, the group, which in addition to the 55 performers includes the mayor of Bernau, will travel to the West Bank for performances in Ramallah and Bethlehem, Mrs. Mueller-Holtkemper said.

Prince Faisal's graduation

His Royal Highness Prince Faisal took the lion's share of awards during his graduation from Number 4 Flying Training School of the Royal Air Force (RAF) in Valley, Wales.

In addition to receiving his pilot's wings, the precocious Prince was awarded five of the seven trophies presented by the school to the graduating class. He received trophies for best leadership qualities, best flying ability, best ground school student, and two for best overall ability.

His Majesty King Hussein presented Prince Faisal with the trophies and with his pilot's wings at the graduation held Friday.

As the chief guest, the King gave a speech praising the flying school's work and wishing the graduates, including his son, all success in their future careers (Petra photos).



Expatriates' congress opens today with full agenda

AMMAN (J.T.) — The third Jordanian Expatriates' Congress opens at the Palace of Culture of Al Hussein Youth City today under the royal patronage.

Nearly 650 expatriates representing Jordanian citizens working and living in 30 Arab and foreign states are expected to attend the four-day congress.

The Ministry of Labour and Social Development, which is sponsoring the meetings, has almost completed the process of registering participants, and has put the finishing touches on working papers that will be submitted to the congress, according to Dr. Saleh Khasawneh, under secretary of the ministry, who also heads the congress's technical committee.

On the eve of the meetings, Minister of Labour and Social Development Khaled Al Haj Hassan said that the congress is designed to strengthen ties between the expatriates and the Jordanian government.

The congress will allow the expatriates to learn more about the economic and social situation in Jordan and to air their views about living conditions abroad.

The congress will provide with information about the labour market in Jordan and opportunity for investment, specially in development projects, the minister said.

The minister said that participants will review recommendations and resolutions passed by

the second expatriates congress held in Amman last summer.

According to Mr. Haj Hassan, his ministry has prepared working paper on political affairs which will outline the Kingdom's basic strategy toward Arab issues, including bringing an end to the Iran-Iraq war and finding a solution for the Arab-Israeli conflict through an international Middle East peace conference. The ministry has also prepared a working paper on the conditions of Arab inhabitants under Israeli rule and Jordan's role in supporting their steadfastness in the face of Israel's inhuman practices and designs. The paper highlights Israel's policies aimed at destroying the economic infrastructure of the Arab areas under its rule, Mr. Haj Hassan added.

Another paper, he said, expounds the economic situation in Jordan and the Kingdom's economic future, including the opportunities for investment and the status of the labour market.

The conference aims at orienting the participants about Jordan's general development and achievements realised through the cooperation of various sectors. The participants will be taken on a tour of a number of industrial centres and businesses in the country, the minister said.

In implementation of resolutions passed by the first two expatriates congresses, the government is offering expatriates more opportunities to take part in the country's development, the minister said. He said that the government has provided incentives for investors in the current 1986-1990 five-year national development plan. It has taken measures to provide housing and higher education for expatriates and their children, implemented recommendations concerning dual nationality and social security services for the expatriates.

The government has increased the time which children of expatriates can postpone military service, from one to two years, Mr. Haj Hassan noted. He said that the government has exempted expatriates from paying duty on their belongings if they return to settle in Jordan, and has also taken measures to sell expatriates housing units at Abu Nusair housing estate.

The Council of Higher Education has decided to accept expatriate students at various universities and the Ministry of Interior has decided to offer the expatriates the right to take part in the general elections.

According to Dr. Khasawneh, the third congress is expected to witness the creation of a holding company created by expatriates in implementation of a recommendation passed at the 1986 congress.

Housing Bank's loans total JD 625m

AMMAN (Petra) — The Housing Bank has granted 35,000 loans totalling JD 625 million to Jordanian individuals and organisations for housing purposes since its establishment 13 years ago, according to a bank spokesman.

He said that the Housing Bank gave loans for the construction of 62,000 housing units.

The spokesman, who was giving details about the bank's operations in an interview with the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said that the Housing Bank financed part of the projects executed by the

Urban Development Department by providing JD 17.3 million and offered JD 12 million soft loans to cooperative societies involved in housing operations for limited-income families.

The Housing Bank has been instrumental in helping the Housing Corporation carry out its projects. It has provided the corporation with JD 67.5 million to help it build a total of 115 housing units in the Kingdom, the spokesman noted.

In addition, he said, the Housing Bank has acquired JD 17.5 million worth of shares in finan-

cial companies to contribute to the development of the Kingdom.

Apart from giving loans, the Housing Bank continues to offer services in the form of handling bills for telephone, water and electricity charges and has been operating a mobile bank that tours remote regions to offer its services to inhabitants of Badia and rural regions of the Kingdom, the spokesman added.

He said that the Housing Bank has been in contact with Jordanian expatriates in Arab states with the purpose of banding their savings and their investments in the country.

Report: GNP goes up by 3.7% in 1986

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To achieve this objective the CBJ last year reduced the ceiling of interest paid by local banks on savings deposits and credit with a view to encouraging direct investments in the country, the report said.

It said that the CBJ also limited credit facilities for importing products from other countries, and at the same time revised deposits paid as insurance on importing primary and raw materials and basic food supplies.

Referring to the work of money changers, the report said that the CBJ issued measures designed to control their operations and to encourage money changing businesses and firms to increase their capital.

As a result of these measures, the report noted, the monetary situation improved noticeably in Jordan and the rate of liquidity rose to 10.5 per cent as compared to 6.7 per cent in 1985, and money circulation rose 5.8 per cent in 1986 as compared to a reduction of 3.4 per cent in the previous year.

The report said that general revenues rose from JD 834.6 million in 1985 to JD 850.6 million in 1986 and public expenditure rose from JD 812.8 million to JD 1002.6 million in the same period.

As for exports the report said that national exports registered JD 225.6 million in 1986 compared to JD 255.3 million in the previous year and attributed the drop to the sharp decrease in the exchange rate of the U.S. dollar,

and the drop in the volume of exported goods. It said that the imports in 1986 also registered a drop, totalling JD 850.2 million against JD 1074.4 million in 1985.

The CBJ report said that in 1986 the national balance of payment showed a surplus of JD 35 million as a result of a big increase in Jordan's foreign currency reserves which rose from JD 781.4 million in 1985 to JD 821.9 million in 1986.

The report pointed to Jordan's role during 1986 in following a course, leading to joint Arab economic action. It said that efforts continued throughout the year for enhancing economic cooperation with the Arab World in general and bolstering economic and trade links with different Arab states in particular.

STATE OF KUWAIT



دولة الكويت

EMPLOYMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

اعلانات توظيف

The State of Kuwait, Ministry of Public Works is offering a number of positions to highly qualified architects, engineers and other professionals. Candidates will be required to meet, as a minimum, the requirements listed below. Command of the English language, both written and verbal, is mandatory; previous Middle East experience is preferable.

ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL CANDIDATES

Candidates should have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree, Masters preferable, together with current professional registration and a minimum of 15 years experience, in one of the following disciplines:

Architecture: public/private projects involving the design and construction of hospitals, schools, commercial and public buildings.

Landscape Architecture: All phases of landscape design, development and construction supervision of various projects.

Landscape Irrigation: All phases of design, development and construction supervision. In depth knowledge of pumping facilities and reservoirs required.

Urban Planning: Urban design and site master planning; master planning of new town development including coordination of public utilities and services.

ENGINEERING CANDIDATES

Candidates should have a minimum of a Bachelor of Science degree, Masters preferable, together with current professional registration and a minimum of 15 years experience, in one of the following disciplines:

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Heating, Ventilation, Air Con-

ditioning (HVAC): All aspects of the design, costing and construction of systems for use in major public building projects in arid regions.

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Quantity Surveying: Familiarity with the element method, Unit-in-place and the square meter method of estimating; the 16 divisional Master-formal specification method; preparation and of bills of Quantities, material take off method and budgeting procedures. Experience in the use of micro computers preferable. Professional certificate or member of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors is mandatory.

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Candidates should have a minimum of a Bachelor of Science or Arts degree, in addition to exper-

ience in one of the following disciplines:

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Computer Systems Analyst: 15 years experience with working knowledge of computer languages: Assembler, Fortran-77, dBase 3+, DB2 Pascal, Cobol and macros on mainframe, mini and micro computer. Experienced in the development and implementation of computerized systems for administrative and engineering purposes.

Computer programmer: 8 years experience in programming. Working knowledge of the above mentioned computer languages/systems.

Horticulture: 12 years experience in ornamental Horticulture. Knowledge of arid, semi arid and tropical plant propagation and maintenance. In-depth knowledge of soil, water, disease control and nutrient requirements.

General

Candidates selected will be self-starters, capable of analyzing situations in a professional manner and able to make clear and concise presentations. All positions are offered on the basis of an all inclusive gross salary. Candidates will be expected to provide their own transport housing, furniture, etc. Actual salaries shall be determined according to qualifications, length and type of experience. A two year contract will be offered initially on the basis of a 40 hour week with 30 working days leave per year.

Interested candidates are invited to submit their resumes, copies of university degrees and a summary of completed projects. They should also indicate their expected salary and when they would be available to commence work. Selected candidates will be required to submit within three months of employment certified copies of University degrees, and letters from former employers. Failure to comply with the aforementioned requirements will render all offers null and void.

Applications must be sent to Kuwait Embassy - Jabel Amman - Forth Circle before Thursday 30-7-1987.

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AIDS cure seeker caught in the crossfire

The Wellcome Foundation, manufacturer of the drug Retrovir which is helping to fight AIDS, has been hurt by accusations of greed and profiteering. Tony Jackson talked to Alfred Sheppard, the firm's chairman.

LONDON — Mr. Alfred Sheppard, chairman of the Wellcome Foundation, is in charge of the only drug available against the killer disease acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). It is a gratifying position, but it puts him in the crossfire.

Retrovir, otherwise known as AZT, is not only the single hope for AIDS sufferers, it is also exceedingly expensive, at around \$8,000 for a year's treatment. These two facts have inevitably prompted charges of greed and profiteering, with the hostility strongest in the U.S., where by far the bulk of the drug is sold.

Mr. Sheppard is deeply sensitive to the charge, but finds it hard to refute. To argue the case publicly would mean going into details of costs and pricing which are traditionally so sensitive for

to the marketplace; that on the basis of winners paying for losers the average drug costs \$100 million to bring to market; that effective patent life for a new drug is eight years and falling.

"All these complications are things you have to recover from the market. But actually arriving at a price is a delicate business. With Retrovir, we set a price which was evolved in the U.S. from marketing views, and then tried to translate that to other markets. Exchange rates have changed things since, but in principle we wanted a common price."

So what were these marketing views? What, for instance, were the sales projections? "We've found it very difficult to tell ourselves we've got a handle on sales projections for Retrovir."

"The figures for AIDS cases notified to the World Health Organisation are around 52,000 and half of them are dead. That doesn't include ARC (AIDS-re-

lated complex) cases, or seropositives. The U.S. centres for disease control reckon about 1.5 million seropositives in the U.S., but we don't have a product licence for seropositives or ARC cases. We've got clinical trials going on to rush the drug to these markets as soon as possible, but we haven't got there yet."

So if not sales projections, what other factors were there? "Risk. If the virus were to go away overnight, we've made a very big commitment—including commitments to purchase of raw materials."

A figure of \$80 million has been quoted as the cost of research and development so far for Retrovir. "I don't know where that figure came from," said Mr. Sheppard. So what is the true figure? "I don't have it. But a very significant proportion of our research and development in the past couple of years has been on AIDS—we had over 100 people working on it at one time."

In addition, he says, there are many clinical trials still to come. "That will be a growing cost, though we will be getting revenues by then to offset it. I've just authorised taking on more scientists in the U.S. to hurry our clinical trials through."

Mr. Sheppard also points out the difficulties of pricing a drug for which there is no precedent in the marketplace. Parallels from the past might include Tagamet, the pioneering ulcer drug from Smithkline of the U.S., which came to the market 10 years ago and was the world's biggest selling drug until overtaken recently by a more recent competitor, Glaxo's Zantac.

"There's a lot of intuitive thinking in this. In many cases, we have a market benchmark, but Retrovir is the exception. We are unable to build up a price with slide-rule precision, but I don't think anyone can in the drug industry."

"It's a novel compound and a

Randa Habib's Corner

Ignorant love

YOU must have seen them with happy smiles on their faces, and with their babies on the knees? Well, what is wrong with that, you may ask? Nothing, except that the babies in question are sitting on their father's knees — behind the steering.

The mother is also in the car, and other members of the family too. They all look happy, enjoying the afternoon drive. But also and mostly enjoying the site of the dearest and youngest acting as a driver.

Mother is very happy when her little boy starts honking, and the little brothers and sisters, in the back seat jump in joy and encourage their little baby-brother to act as a real driver. The little one grabs the steering with both hands, and often also with his mouth, while daddy is so proud that all the passers-by and other drivers notice it and smile. The expression on his face tells it clearly: That's my boy, he is only 14 months old, and he is already a driver.

The problem is that this ignorant exercise is very dangerous to the child both physically and mentally. First, it diverts the father's attention from driving, thus increasing the probability of accidents. Second, it is very dangerous for the child in case of accident; he would be crushed between his father's chest and the wheel. And third, the whole exercise is lesson in bad-driving manners for children to emulate.

What makes us furious, however, is that traffic wardens who enforce the use of seat belts and other traffic regulations seem not to bother about such dangerous acts of nonsense. Such bad habits should not be allowed to grow roots in our society. Educators, the media and concerned authorities and societies should combat them persistently.

Near-misses heighten fears of aviation disaster

By Irwin Arieff
Reuter

WASHINGTON — Two near-collisions of passenger jets over the Atlantic Ocean within 24 hours last week have heightened fears of an aviation disaster during the peak summer travel season.

But federal air safety regulators say the near-misses, though worrisome, do not mean that the skies over the United States are unsafe.

"Near midair collision reports are a serious matter, sure, but they are being made into an index of safety that they never were in the past," said an official of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which operates the U.S. air traffic control system.

"A much better indicator is the accident rate, which has been on the decline over the past 10 years," said the official, who asked anonymity.

A Delta Airlines wide-body Lockheed jet drifted 100 km off course en route to Cincinnati from London on July 8 and nearly collided with a Continental Boeing jumbo jet heading to Newark, N.J., from London.

The Delta flight came close enough — 30 metres — for passengers aboard the Continental aircraft to read its markings. Two other commercial airliners were in the area at the time, and a Continental spokesman has said that the other pilots urged its pilot not to report the incident.

"There were several requests and each time, our crew adamantly refused," said the spokesman, Bruce Hicks.

Hicks said he was not certain who raised the possibility of a cover-up but the Washington Post reported it was first suggested by the Delta crew.

"Our guys said, 'of course we're going to report it. There's no question of that,'" Hicks said.

On July 9, a Pan American World Airways Airbus A-310 and a Viasa Venezuelan DC-10 jet flying in opposite directions came within a quarter mile of each other at the same altitude about 1,400 kms south of New York City, federal officials said.

Both incidents are under investigation by officials of the FAA and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), a government watchdog agency that studies transportation accidents and issues safety improvement recommendations.

Both agencies said they would not comment on their respective probes until they were com-

Water: Where it is, where it's headed

AS the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade draws to its close in 1990, it is becoming obvious that its ambitious goal of providing water and sanitation to every person on the globe will not be reached. Presently, somewhat incomplete statistics from WHO indicate that 75 per cent of urban areas and 40 per cent of rural areas have been provided with safe drinking water; and that 50 per cent of urban areas and 15 per cent of rural areas have been provided with adequate sanitation.

Yet this shortfall has come as no surprise to those heavily involved in the business of water management.

"A Swedish farmer took his son into the field and pointed up at the sky," Martin Beyer, the chief of UNICEF's Water and Environmental Sanitation Team, says, beginning an anecdote from his homeland to explain the real point of the Water Decade. "Aim for the stars, my boy. You might reach the roof of the cowshed."

It is sage advice, transmitted by a man who has spent the last 17 years with UNICEF, specialising in bringing the liquid of life closer to the doorstep of the poor. It has been quiet and persistent work, and until recently, Mr. Beyer and UNICEF were rather alone on the international level in propagating low-cost methods of providing water and sanitation.

Unified global thinking

"We were the ones who dragged everyone else away from just thinking that the only solution to water and sanitation was taps and flush toilets," Mr. Beyer says. "To let us say, giving handpumps and latrines a dignity of sorts."

It was in recognition of this achievement that the International Water Resources Association, much to the surprise of the world, gave its first Crystal Drop Award to UNICEF in 1986.

Although the Water Decade will not reach its inspiring goal, it has served to unify global thinking on the subject of water and sanitation.

"We have learned how to bring water and sanitation to the great rural masses and the poor urban areas," Mr. Beyer explains. The rest of the job can only be accomplished through the exertion of political will and the raising of awareness and adequate funds.

Period of limbo

There was a time when the wisdom of being involved in water projects was questioned. After installation, water systems often broke down and were left neglected by communities insuffi-

ciently inculcated with the value and necessity of common responsibility; the health benefits of water were undermined because they were not coupled successfully with proper sanitation practices; and lasting results were hard to isolate, prove and quantify.

At the same time, UNICEF launched child survival strategies that were simpler to communicate, cheaper to institute, and easier to justify publicly. Lasting results in water and sanitation might take half a generation to witness, as so much of positive change is behavioural. But an immunised child is immediately freed from the threat of certain diseases.

"Frankly, I was afraid that with the laudable but somewhat impetuous approach of UNICEF to child survival, that we would throw the baby out with the bathwater," Mr. Beyer says. "In fact, I had the feeling that our own management up to very recently went very much after principles that confused strategies with statistics."

"But I think better counsel is prevailing. One thing that has helped ease us over this period of limbo is that we are now coming to a much more balanced view, partly under pressure from the field."

UNICEF currently deploys 140 programme officers in some 45 countries who work to provide water and sanitation. Annually, UNICEF spends \$60 million, or roughly 20 per cent of its programme expenditure, on water and sanitation.

"The absolute figures don't matter so much. It matters what you do with the money," Mr. Beyer says. "If you spread \$60 million over almost 100 countries, it is not that much, really."

Radical impact

Yet the provision of clean water can have a radical impact on the health and well-being of mothers and children, as a study in the Sudan has shown. In Bahar Al Ghazal, an area that receives very little rainfall, women spent six hours of their work day alone in collecting water. With the installation of a UNICEF supported water supply system, the women there were able to have two hours a day of their own to rest.

"But it's not only the work saved that is important," Mr. Beyer says. "It's energy expenditure, too. Half of their caloric intake was spent on fetching water. So you see, malnutrition is connected with water, too."

"Water is also only one factor in public health. Personal hygiene

London's Fleet Street changing hands

By Michael West
The Associated Press

LONDON — Fleet Street has been associated with printing and publishing ever since Wm. Caxton opened a printing office there around 1500, but now its colourful days as the home of Britain's national press are numbered.

Newspapers are shedding jobs, cutting costs and moving out to new high-technology plants in London's East End and other sites. Banks and other institutions from the city, the capital's fast-expanding financial district immediately to the east, are moving in, sending Fleet Street real estate values soaring.

The latest to leave are journalists at the Daily Telegraph, who on July 11, moved from their Fleet Street newsroom to offices in the paper's new plant in the Docklands redevelopment area 8 kilometres to the east. Other Daily Telegraph departments will follow later.

The Times of London, its weekly stablemate The Sunday Times, and the daily tabloid The Sun and the weekly News of the World, all owned by publisher Rupert Murdoch, set up in the east end Docklands area in January 1986.

The Telegraph journalists put the paper together for the last time in the Fleet Street building on July 10, then marked their departure with a cake and ale at the King and Keys tavern, a favourite Fleet Street watering hole next door.

The Daily Telegraph, which has a daily circulation of 1.15 million, was founded in 1855. It has been produced from premises on its current site since 1860, but the imposing Daily Telegraph building on the site, which has been bought by an American investment bank, Goldman Sachs, dates from 1930.

United Newspapers Plc, publishers of The Daily Express, The Star and The Sunday Express, announced July 2 that it plans to leave Fleet Street, and move to a new plant on the south side of the River Thames in about two years' time.

Lord Stevens, the chairman of United Newspapers, said the move would entail the loss of 2,500 jobs. The group fired 2,000 staff last year. The Express's celebrated back glass and chrome building in Fleet Street is to be sold with a reported price tag of £75 million (\$120 million).

Of the papers with plants in the immediate Fleet Street area, only Robert Maxwell's Mirror group in Holborn — publishers of The Daily Mirror, The Sunday Mirror and The Sunday People — has not announced plans to move.

After years in the doldrums because of high costs, strikes and refusal by the once powerful Fleet Street print production unions to accept modern, cost-cutting computerised printing methods because of job-loss fears, national newspapers are mostly prospering again.

The result is a fierce circulation war amongst 13 national morning dailies and 10 national weeklies on sale each Sunday, while Londoners have a choice of three evening papers.

Murdoch broke the Fleet Street log-jam last year when he moved his four daily and Sunday titles to Wapping in East London. He fired 5,500 print production workers when they went on strike against the move and used electricians to produce his papers.

Named after the River Fleet, which now runs below ground, Fleet Street was a mian thoroughfare of medieval London.

The first newspaper produced there was the now long defunct Daily Courant, which first appeared on March 11, 1702. Before the arrival of the newspapers, Fleet Street had long been a showplace for freaks, giants, fire-eaters and wild animals.

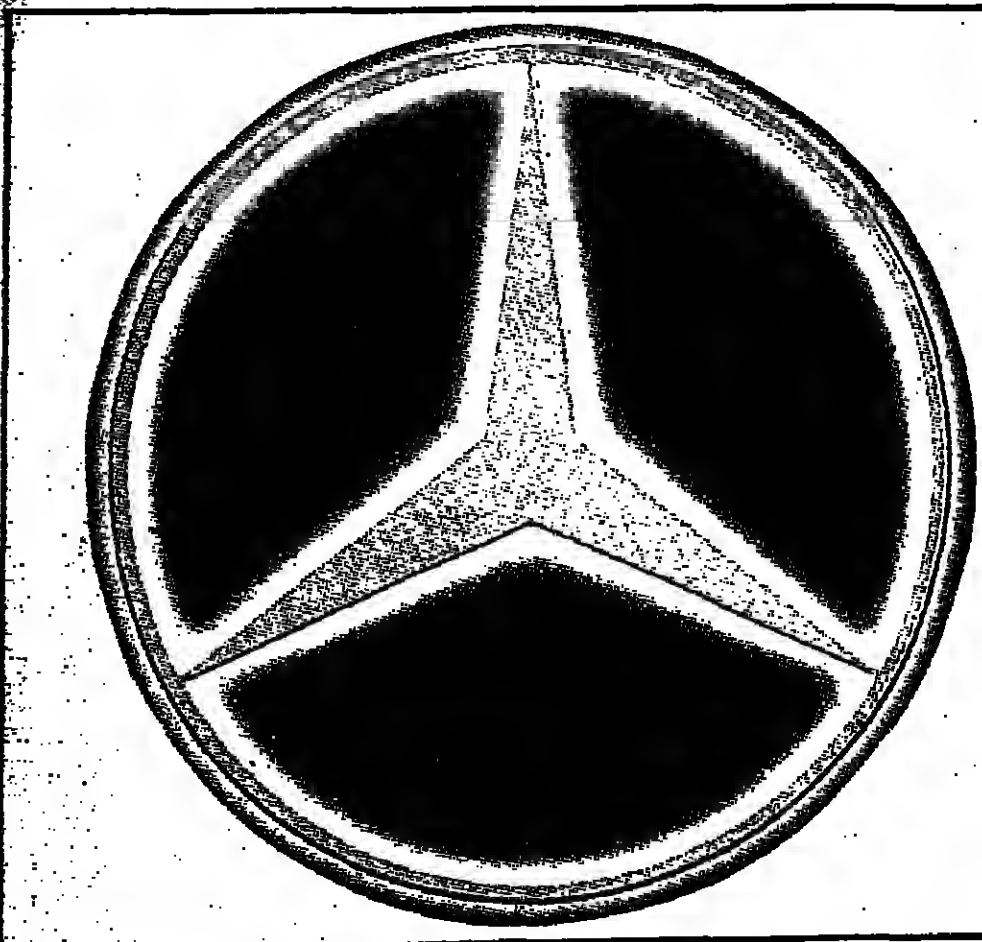
Diary Samuel Pepys was born in Salisbury Court just off Fleet Street in 1633. Samuel Johnson, the 18th century dictionary-maker, lived and worked in the area and regularly dined at the Mitre tavern.

A plaque to British reporter and mystery writer Edgar Wallace, who died in 1932, records: "To Fleet Street he gave his heart."

Another Fleet Street plaque, to journalist T.P. O'Connor who died in 1929, recalls: "His pen could lay bare the bones of a book or the soul of a statesman in a few vivid lines."

The Sunday Times headlined a report last month on the takeover by big business: "Fleet Street paved with gold. Financial conglomerates are paying enormous sums for the premises vacated by newspapers."

In the most profitable newspaper deal so far, the Pearson Group, owners of the Financial Times, last month sold the paper's Bracken House headquarters in Cannon Street just to the east of Fleet Street for £143 million.



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Argentina fades away in S. American Cup mist

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (Agencies) — Colombia posted a 2-1 victory over 1986 World Cup titleholder Argentina on Saturday to win third place in the Americas Cup Soccer Tournament.

Colombia fought a determined rearguard action in thickening mist to hold onto a first-half lead and beat the world champions. Defending Americas Cup champion Uruguay was meeting Chile for the championship on late Sunday. Uruguay had defeated Argentina 1-0 in the semifinals Thursday, while Chile downed Colombia 2-1 in overtime on Wednesday.

Playing before only 5,000 fans in heavy fog at River Plate Stadium, the Colombians built a commanding 2-0 lead on first-period goals by Gabriel Gomez and Juan Galeano.

Argentina's lone goal came at 41 minutes of the second period

by Claudio Caniggia.

The Americas Cup, played since 1917, matched national soccer teams from 10 South American countries.

Eliminated in early play in the two-week tournament, held in Buenos Aires, Cordoba and Rosario, were Brazil, an early favorite, Bolivia, Peru, Paraguay, Ecuador and Venezuela.

The Colombians, arguably the most exciting team in the tournament with their neat, quick-passing game, shocked Argentina by taking the lead from their first attack after only eight minutes.

Goalkeeper Luis Islas was slow to react to a dipping shot from outside the penalty area by strik-

er Gomez and dived late as the ball flew in under the crossbar following a good move started by Carlos Valderrama.

Valderrama, a talented midfielder with a deceptively languid style, set up Colombia's second goal 20 minutes later, neatly lobbing the ball over the defence to the unmarked Juan Galeano, who ran through to score from close range.

Colombia, who had never beaten Argentina before in South American Cup games, had little trouble thwarting an ineffective Argentine attack made weaker by an only half-fit Diego Maradona.

Maradona showed some flashes of the skill that made him the star of last year's World Cup but he was slow with his best chance in the 15th minute and goalkeeper Rene Higuita leapt to take the ball at his feet.

Argentina improved with two changes at halftime and spent most of the rest of the match attacking.

They were unlucky when substitute Funes' 48th minute shot hit a post but then faded away in front of a meagre fans in the 75,000-capacity stadium as a thick mist descended, reducing visibility from the stands and press box to almost zero.

Maradona finally laid on Argentina's consolation goal for young striker Claudio Caniggia, who headed home his curling corner kick four minutes from time.

Aouita, Cram to star in Nice

NICE, France (R) — Said Aouita and Steve Cram, heroes of an epic world record duel here two years ago, return to the French Riviera on Monday though they will stay out of each other's way on the track.

The two middle-distance rivals are among 10 world record-holders competing in the Nice Grand Prix meeting, a total reduced by the withdrawal of injured pole vault world champion Sergei Bubka of the Soviet Union.

World 1,500 metres champion Cram, who pulled out of last Friday's London Grand Prix, resumes competition in the 800 metres, while Moroccan Aouita opts for the mile, in which the Briton holds the world record.

Cram pipped the fast-finishing Aouita by 0.04 seconds to take the world 1,500 metres mark below 3½ minutes in an enthralling race at this "Nikaia" meeting two years ago. Aouita, however, is the current holder.

Aouita, Olympic champion over 5,000 metres, races against Spain's Jose-Luis Gonzalez, who beat Cram in the European Cup and won Friday's 1,500 metres in London in the absence of the Briton.

But the organisers said Olympic 800 metres champion Joaquim Cruz of Brazil had pulled out and returned to the U.S. because of a bronchial and larynx problem, while ex-Olympic champion Steve Ovett was also not competing, though he was in Nice to commentate for British Television.

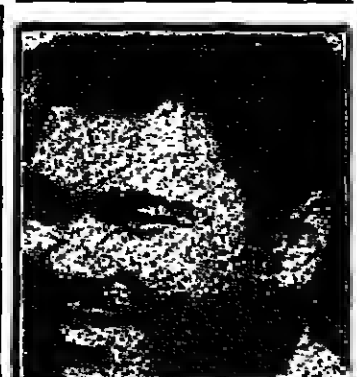
American Calvin Smith, world 100 metres record-holder, runs in the 200 metres and Nigeria's Chidi Imoh, second fastest in the world over 100 metres last year, is

to line up in at least one of the sprints.

But Britain's Linford Christie, Europe's 100 metres champion, has pulled out after finishing a disappointing third behind American Lee McRae and Imoh on Friday and complaining of tiredness.

American Butch Reynolds, who ran the fastest 400 metres time ever recorded in Europe on Friday, was another last-minute withdrawal joining an absentee list headed by Bubka.

A Soviet team official told the organisers Saturday that Bubka had pulled a muscle in training on Friday and would be out for three weeks, jeopardising the vaulter's ambition of defending his world championship in Rome in less than two months.



Muhammad Ali

Ali to receive treatment in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (R) — Former world heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali may receive specialised treatment for Parkinson's disease in Mexico, a source at the Mexican Social Security Institute has said.

A team of Mexican surgeons have developed a surgical procedure that has showed promising results against the disease, a progressive nervous disorder often accompanied by tremors.

The source, who did not wish to be identified, said: "The U.S. fighter will be treated in Mexico by one of the best Mexican specialists."

Ali will be examined by Dr. Ignacio Madrazo, one of the pioneers of the new technique that involves surgical implantations from the adrenal glands into an area of the brain involved in regulation of body movement, the source said.

The examination will be held on Monday or Tuesday in a private hospital in Mexico City, the source said, adding: "It's still not known if there will be an operation. It all depends on Dr. Madrazo's examination."

The three-time heavyweight champion arrived in Mexico on Thursday for a World Boxing Council (WBC) sponsored symposium on boxing medicine.

At the symposium, Ali appeared visibly affected by the disease, reacting slowly to reporters' questions, speaking in a barely audible voice and demonstrating a tick in his left hand.

Sanchez wins Swiss Open title

GSTAAD, Switzerland (AP) — Third-seeded Emilio Sanchez of Spain, demonstrating his strong service and deft volleys, downed Ronald Agenor of Haiti 6-2, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5) Sunday to win the \$231,000 Swiss Open tennis tournament.

The 22-year-old Spaniard won the \$40,000 first prize and his first Grand Prix singles title of 1987 on the clay courts here.

Sanchez, a Davis Cup player for Spain, won the first two sets in just under one hour, profiting from the Haitian's weak back-

hand service returns.

Agenor, ranked 65th in the world and playing in his first Grand Prix final, rallied in the third set, breaking Sanchez's service in the fifth game.

"I played too quickly in the first two sets and finally settled down at the beginning of the third," he said later.

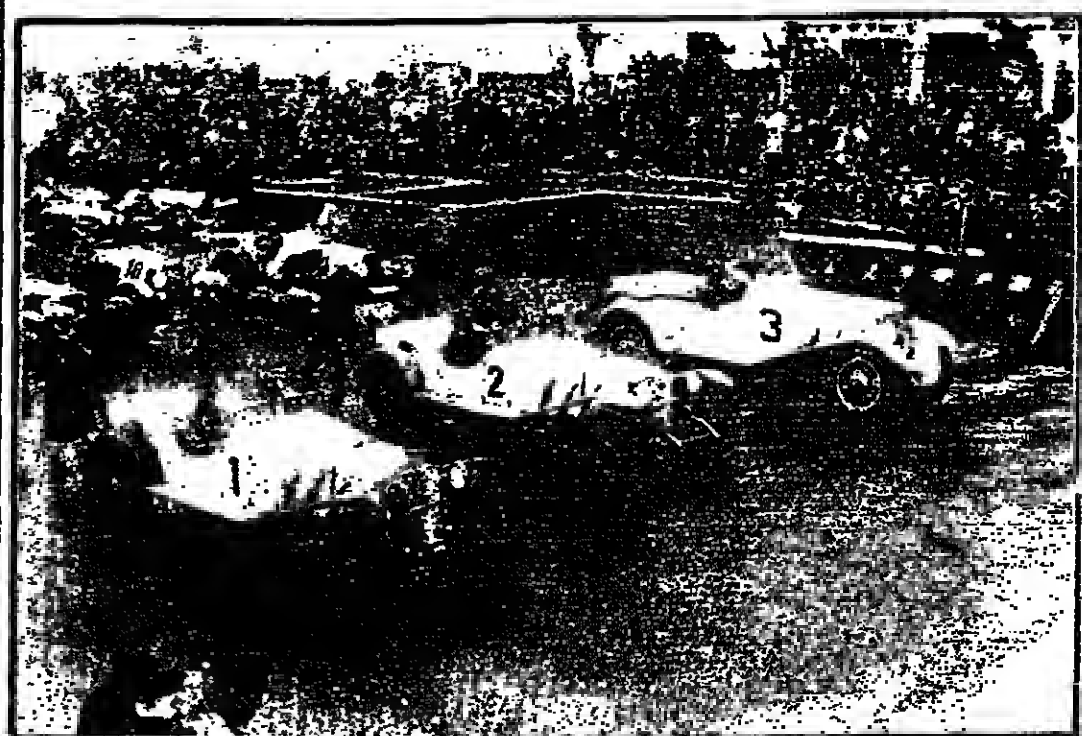
The 22-year-old resident of France served for the set at 5-4, quickly fell behind 0-40 and lost the game on unforced errors.

"I still lack a degree of concentration, and at this level of play,

mental lapses are not forgiven," he said.

Sanchez raced to a 6-1 lead in the tiebreaker and concluded the two-hour match on the fifth match point with a forehand drop volley.

"It was difficult playing here on clay after Wimbledon, but I adjusted as the tournament went on," Sanchez said. "I played well at Wimbledon, played well here, so I'm confident going in to the Davis Cup match against Paraguay, although I still must be more consistent mentally."



Rudolf Caracciola, who won the inaugural Nurburgring Grand Prix sixty years ago, sits behind

the wheels in his Mercedes-Benz with the starting number 1.

Nurburgring: diamond jubilee of a famous racetrack

ADENAU, (DaD) — German motor racing ace and three-time Le Mans winner Klaus Ludwig from Bonn still sees the "good old Nurburgring" as "the finest racetrack in the world" — and the circuit that makes "the heaviest demands on the driver."

Even three-time Formula 1 world champion Niki Lauda of Austria, who suffered serious burns in a crash on the Nurburgring 11 years ago, is enthusiastic. The redesigned course, he says, is "absolutely safe and way ahead of anything else in the world."

They and many other drivers, not to mention millions of racing fans, feel the Nurburgring, where a variety of races are being held this summer to mark the circuit's diamond jubilee, is the finest in the world.

A special sense of romanticism that is hard to express in words makes racing fans' eyes shine and their hearts miss a beat when the famous racetrack south of Bonn is mentioned. Yet the Nurburgring was built for reasons that were anything but romantic. In the early years of the 20th century the Eifel hill country was rated the "poor house of Prussia." In the 1920s the region's economic outlook was particularly bleak. Motor racing, which boomed after the First World War, might, it was felt, provide a badly-needed

boost. The project was backed by Mayor Adenauer of Cologne, later Federal Chancellor. About 3,000 men and women spent two years building the serpentine, 28.3-kilometre circuit.

The fans first thrilled on 19 June 1927 as Rudolf Caracciola, a young hotelier's son from Remagen on the Rhine, won the inaugural grand prix. It was seen by a crowd of 84,000 people. Caracciola went on to become one of the legendary drivers who made motor racing history on the Nurburgring. They have included Bernd Rosemeyer, Hermann Lang, Stirling Moss, Wolfgang

Graf Berghé von Trips, John Surtees, Graham Hill and Niki Lauda.

Yet in the 1970s it looked like "carnivals for the Nurburgring." Modern automotive technology had made increasingly breathtaking speeds possible — speeds that seemed to have passed the attractive but complicated and dangerous Eifel circuit by. Drivers, certainly Formula 1 drivers, felt the Nurburgring was no longer safe. The grand prix circus moved to the less dangerous (but less interesting) Hockenheim track further south on the Rhine.

Mansell wins British Grand Prix again

SILVERSTONE, England (Agencies) — Nigel Mansell overtook his Williams-Honda teammate Nelson Piquet with two laps to go Sunday to win the British Formula One Grand Prix for the second successive year.

The 32-year-old Briton overcame a mid-race pit stop and cut back a 28-second lead held by the Brazilian to post his third victory of the season.

Piquet came home 1.918 seconds behind with another

Brazilian, Ayrton Senna, in third place, keeping his lead in the drivers' championship, in third place.

It was Mansell's second successive victory after his triumph last Sunday in the French Grand Prix at Le Castellet.

Satoru Nakajima (Japan) in Lotus was fourth, Derek Warwick (Britain) in an Arrows finished fifth and Teco Fabi (Italy) in a Benetton was sixth.

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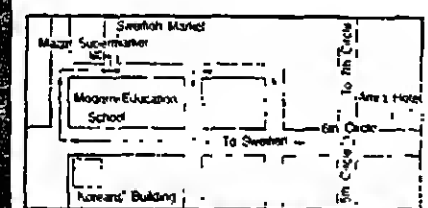
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Weekly Financial Report

By Fouad Baishon

AMMAN — Last week the U.S. dollar moved higher but was still trading within a very narrow and thin range which made the trading on the currencies very small. The main reason behind this direction was the uncertain and unclear decisions taken in the Venice summit.

The dollar traded between 0.342-0.347 fils on the Jordanian dinar. Local banks were still covering their short dollar position because they feared that the dollar might move higher this week.

Charts indicate that the dollar could move a little bit lower this week due to an overbought situation on the dollar. The expected range for this week could be 0.338-0.347 fils.

The pound sterling traded lower against the dollar because of the dollar's strength. The pound traded between 0.555-0.561 fils.

The D.M. and the S.F. also traded lower because of the higher dollar.

The D.M. traded between

0.1825, 0.1845 fils. The Swiss franc traded between 0.2180-0.2220 fils and the Austrian between 0.241-0.243 fils.

The Lebanese lira moved to record lows against the dollar because of the unstable political and economic situation in Lebanon. It traded between (550-450) L.L./J.D.

The Syrian lira traded between (98-93) S.L./J.D. and the Iraqi dinar traded between 0.15-0.16 fils.

The Kuwaiti dinar traded between 1.200-1.210 on the J.D. Metals traded lower because of the dollar's strength. Gold fell to a low of \$442 an ounce from a high of \$450 an ounce.

Silver fell from \$7.75 an ounce to a low of \$7.50 an ounce. Charts still indicate that the metals have a potential to go higher.

Gold prices in Amman based upon the daily bulletin presented by the Jordan jewellery store are as follows:

Gold 21 carats per gramme JD 4.150-JD 4.100.
Gold 18 carats per gramme JD 5.000-JD 4.500.

Norway extends oil output cut

OSLO (OPECNA) — The Norwegian government decided to extend the existing 7.5 per cent cut in the country's North Sea oil production until the end of the year in support of OPEC's market and price stabilisation efforts.

The decision, taken at a cabinet meeting following a proposal by the energy and oil ministry to extend the current output limit, will come into effect on July 15.

Early this year, the Norwegian government introduced the oil production cut.

Oman bans foreigners from work in some fields

MUSCAT (AP) — The Sultanate of Oman has banned foreigners from working as shepherds, hawkers or public relations officers, the Times of Oman has reported.

The ban was part of a drive to ease dependence on expatriates and make way for Omani labour to replace them, the newspaper said.

Oman, like many Gulf countries, has depended heavily on foreign labour to push through ambitious development plans fuelled by the oil riches of the past decade.

Also among the 11 occupations banned for foreigners were fishermen and fish sellers, sailors, Arabic and English typists and watchmen, the Times said.

It also listed workers operating small-scale mechanical equipment, light vehicle drivers, technical trade assistants and unskilled workers.

The paper said more than 50,000 foreigners left Oman last year.

It quoted the director-general of labour, Mr. Ahmad Ibn Ali Al Rajab, as saying: "There are no unemployed people in the Sultanate. Job opportunities are available for every Omani capable of working."

There are no official census figures in Oman, but the yearbook Middle East and North Africa 1987 lists the population as 1.2 million in 1985, with a very large margin for error. Of that number, about 55 per cent were believed to be foreigners, it said.

Shell, Egypt sign accord

CAIRO (R) — A Royal Dutch/Shell Group subsidiary has concluded an agreement with Egypt to pump gas and oil under more attractive terms than allowed previously, a Shell spokesman has said.

The subsidiary, Shell Winning, will produce oil at two concessions in the Western Desert. Shell's deputy general manager in Egypt, Mr. Tarek Heggy, told Reuters.

The agreement, negotiated with the state-owned Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation, is the first to be signed with a foreign firm using a new gas clause.

Under the clause, firms exploring for oil may sell gas they find to the government at a market-related price rather than simply recouping exploration and production costs.

The previous gas law did not allow the sale of gas and was unpopular with foreign firms, which were reluctant to help the government's drive to exploit gas fields without the chance of a return on investment.

Non-OPEC Egypt hopes to increase the use of gas as an energy source domestically so it can release more crude oil for export. It currently produces around 900,000 barrels per day of crude, of which roughly one-third is exported.

Bahrain opposes 'mad' increase in oil prices

BAHRAIN (R) — A Bahraini minister was quoted Saturday as saying he opposed any "mad" increase in world oil prices.

"I believe \$18 per barrel is an acceptable price that gives oil the ability to compete and gives room to Gulf Cooperation Council countries to market their oil," Development and Industry Minister Youssef Shirawi told the weekly newspaper Al Adwa.

"I do not think it is in the interest of Gulf countries, as exporters, to raise the prices to mad figures," he said.

Four members of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council — Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates — are members of OPEC while the other two, Bahrain and Oman, follow OPEC policies.

OPEC (the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) decided last December to return to fixed oil prices of around \$18 per barrel.

Many prices on the free, or spot, market have moved above that level and some OPEC members say there is enough market strength to raise official prices next year.

Countries with huge reserves such as Kuwait and Saudi Arabia say they favour stable prices in order to maintain oil demand.

Mr. Shirawi also said Bahrain, which operates a 250,000 barrel per day refinery, was considering setting up a new refinery in the next century.

"We intend to build a new refinery in the next century, which needs very large capital and long-term loans," he said, adding that it would also require a secure crude oil supply.

Bahrain produces only 43,000 barrels of oil a day.

China to support OPEC

BEIJING (AP) — China has agreed to support efforts by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to shore up oil prices by limiting its own production, Venezuelan Oil Minister Arturo Hernandez Grisanti has said.

Mr. Grisanti said the Chinese commitments were made by Vice Premier Li Peng. Speaking at a news conference, the minister said he did not ask the Chinese by how much they would limit their oil exports.

"They will watch closely the volume of the market, and they are not going to affect negatively the volume of prices," he said.

"I believe that what is important is the political declaration of China," he said, adding that he was "very satisfied" with the Chinese response.

Since a regular OPEC conference two weeks ago in Venice, Italy, at which agreements were reached adjusting the planned oil production of OPEC countries, the price of oil has gone up by \$1 a barrel, he said. "We have seen an important recovery of prices."

At the meeting, the OPEC countries decided to alter a production and price agreement reached in December 1986 under which the price of oil was fixed at \$18 a barrel and the volume of production at 15.8 million barrels per day during the first half of the year.

China, which has close ties to some of the OPEC countries, gave a similar commitment in 1986.

At that time, OPEC officials said the commitment was unlikely to have a major impact on the international market because China uses most of its oil domestically, but said the support was important symbolically.

Mr. Grisanti said the two countries also signed documents on technical cooperation in oil production.

Court awards prestigious gem firm to Saudi-U.S. company

PARIS (AP) — A Paris commercial court awarded the prestigious but bankrupt jewellery firm Chaumet to the American-Saudi holding company Invest Corp., a shareholder in Tiffany and Co.

Bids for Chaumet by French jeweller Alexandre Reza and the fashion house Hermes were turned down by Judge Jacques Bon.

The awarding of Chaumet to the London-based Invest Corp. ends the Chaumet family dynasty, which for more than two centuries purveyed fine jewels to kings, queens, emperors and the untitled wealthy.

Chaumet, on the prestigious place Vendôme and with branches in Geneva, Brussels, London and New York, declared bankruptcy June 11. Brothers Jacques and Pierre Chaumet were jailed June 13 on charges of bankruptcy, breach of trust and fraud.

Invest Corp.'s winning offer for Chaumet was nearly 100 million francs (about \$16.6 million) plus a percentage on future sales not to exceed 40 million francs (about \$6.6 million).

Church of England decides to retain S. Africa finance

YORK, England (AP) — Leaders of the Church of England declined on Saturday to get rid of all their investments in South Africa, despite pleas by some church members that the holdings were morally wrong.

The 570-member general synod of bishops, clergy and laity of the Anglican Church accepted on a show of hands the annual financial report without amendment.

Sir Douglas Lovelock, who as first church estates commissioner controls real estate and stock holdings for the church valued at just over £2 billion (\$3.2 billion), said its last holdings in South Africa were in multinational companies doing a fraction of their business in that country.

He said the church's income from those South African interests amounted to less than one-third of a penny in every pound (about half a cent in every dollar) of total income.

"For an institution of our size, if you have our sort of money to invest you have to have part of it in large international firms which trade all over the world. They have a very small stake in South Africa and we have a very small stake in them," he said.

The commissioners, who pay the salaries of the church's clergy, have been reducing their stake in companies with South African interests for more than 20 years because of opposition from church members. But the reduction was still not enough for some members of the synod at its regular summer session in York.

An Oxford clergyman, the Reverend William T. Whiffen, said there should be an "ethical investment committee" to tell the commissioners to get out of South Africa completely.

"Financiers don't have the moral or ethical fibre for that," he said.

Dean of St. Paul's Alan Webster said: "We need to send a clear signal to the suffering people of South Africa, living under the bitter injustice of apartheid, that we are on their side. I appeal to the commissioners for rather wider consultations — they do not realise how troubled people are by investments in an apartheid-dominated country."

Bishop of Oxford Richard Harries appealed to the commissioners to sell their £24.7 million (\$39.7 million) stake in the oil company, Shell Transport and Trading.

Bishop Harries said Shell, "more than any other company, underpins apartheid" by trading with the South African army and police, enabling South Africa's white-led government to "carry

on the illegal war in Namibia (South West Africa)."

Sir Lovelock responded that the Shell company was "an outstandingly good employer and not the only oil company with a major presence in South Africa." He did not name any other company.

Mr. Philip Lovegrove, a member of the church commissioners, said he was "fed up with the commissioners being told to do the right things so we can all have clean hands."

"Total disinvestment from South Africa would result in a substantial loss of income and diminish the capital value of the (church's) portfolio," he said.

Mr. Lovegrove said if each of the church's 43 bishops reduced their stipends by £7,500 (\$12,075) that would about equal the amount earned from South Africa.

Some of the bishops in the front row of the synod smiled at the remark. Stipends range from the archbishop of Canterbury's £27,860 (\$44,855) to £12,035 (\$19,376) for a diocesan bishop.

Mr. Lovegrove said if the level of giving by parishioners were higher, it could dispense with some investments.

The church commissioners said that for every £1 or (\$1.61) of their income, 34 pence comes from the parishes, 30 pence from real estate, 30 pence from stocks and shares and six pence from loans.

Soviets import less food

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Union paid the equivalent of \$16 billion for food imports in 1986, 27 per cent less than its 1985 food import bill, an official newspaper reported last week.

Selskaya Zhizn, quoting foreign trade ministry figures, said a comparatively good grain harvest helped cut imports.

The Soviet Union's grain purchases in world markets have in the past moved prices dramatically.

The figures showed that Soviet food imports last year totalled 10.7 billion roubles (\$16 billion), or 17.1 per cent of all Soviet imports.

But meat imports rose nine per cent, while purchases of products grown in tropical zones were also higher and the country remained unable to produce enough fodder for livestock.

The paper said Moscow paid two billion roubles (\$3 billion) for imported grain in 1986, compared with 4.8 billion roubles (\$7.2 billion) the previous year.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) said last month that Soviet grain imports were expected to rise to 36 million tonnes in the year beginning July 1, 1987, from 30.5 million in the previous 12 months, due to expected poorer yields.

The Soviet Union produced 210.1 million tonnes of grain in 1986, the highest yield since 1978, and has set a target of 232 million for 1987.

Japan posts \$6.6 billion trade surplus in June

TOKYO (AP) — Japan posted an unadjusted trade surplus of \$6.6 billion in June, down from \$7.35 billion a year earlier but up slightly from \$6.49 billion in May, the finance ministry has said.

The ministry said in an announcement the surplus in June dwindled for the second consecutive month.

Exports in June were measured with the dollar at 142.67 yen, compared with 169.07 yen a year earlier and 139.98 yen in May. Imports were gauged with the dollar standing at 142.58 yen, in contrast with 169.29 yen a year earlier and 139.91 yen in the previous month, said the announcement.

Adjusted exports edged up 1.3 per cent to \$18.66 billion from \$18.41 billion in May, while imports rose 9.7 per cent to \$13.14 billion from \$11.93 billion.

Exports to the United States went down from a year earlier, showing a 12.6 per cent decline to \$6.793 billion. Imports from the United States also declined, in contrast with the growth in overall imports, falling 16.6 per cent to \$2.779 billion and left Japan with a trade surplus of \$4.014 billion in June.

The ministry attributed the sluggish exports in part to a stall in motor vehicle shipments. Overall motor vehicle exports to the United States tumbled 17.8 per cent from the year-earlier level to \$1.999 billion. Car exports alone showed a 14.7 per cent drop, totalling \$1.660 billion.

With the June trade figures, Japan's exports in the first six months of this year totalled \$108.40 billion, up 9.9 per cent from the same period last year. Imports amounted to \$68.27 billion, up 6.0 per cent, resulting in a trade surplus of \$40.13 billion.

Mexico City (AP) — Mexico's inflation rate dropped slightly in June but the year's projected total remained at an all-time high, according to a report by the Central Bank of Mexico.

The report showed that consumer prices rose 7.2 per cent in June, a slight decline from May's 7.5 per cent. The increase brought the inflation rate for the first six months of the year to 54.9

per cent, and the report projected a 12-month inflation rate of 109.8 per cent.

Government economists had targeted a reduction in last year's January-to-December record inflation total from 105.7 per cent to around 80 per cent for 1987, but persistently skyrocketing prices forced a revision of projections.

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR MONDAY, JULY 13, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The daytime is good for putting your creative ideas into motion and making plans for the weekend. Poor judgment in the evening will lead to a mood for romance.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Give your full attention to supporting the ambitions of your loved ones. A small gamble during the day could pay off big.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You can accomplish a great deal today in home improvement planning. Be very cautious on the highways.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Attend to your correspondence, especially to a shut-in who misses you. Watch your budget and entertain at home.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Your money manager can help you save on a property repair. Be careful moving around this evening.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Dress up and go out this evening. This and a visit to long neglected friends will help you forget your worries.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Discuss your plans for the future with your loved one, and don't let anyone side-track you. Don't force your ideas.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A charitable social affair with a good friend could be worthwhile. If you attend, don't be pushy in conversations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Avoid public affairs. Instead, start that project you've been thinking about. A personal trip is okay if it's inexpensive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Today's the time to follow through on a new idea and to develop an angle on a special talent. Don't seek favors today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Focus on improving your efficiency; don't be side-tracked by an emotional friend. Tonight is ideal for romance.

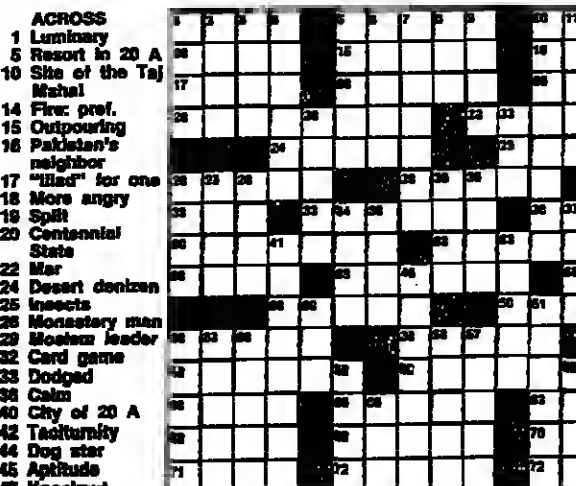
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Team up with an idea person and postpone tedious chores until later. Now is the time to focus on outside activities.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Beautify your surroundings with art work or renovation. A meeting with co-workers is a wise start for the week.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will have a charming demeanor and the ability to use it in obtaining almost anything. Teach this child to use the creative side of his or her nature to get good results from natural talents. Much encouragement is needed in spite of all this. Guard him or her from jealousy.

THE Daily Crossword

by Wilson McBeath



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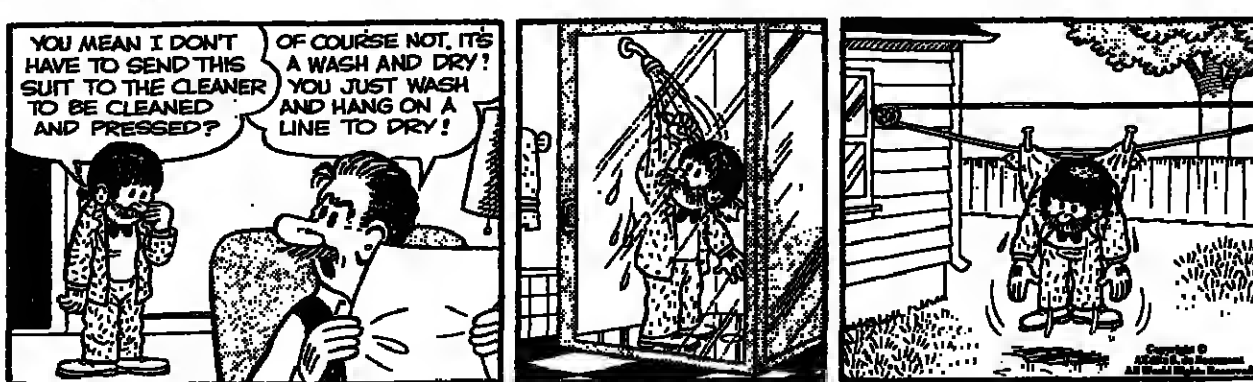
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Yesterday's Jumbles: PINNY PANIC GOSPEL CABANA

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Threat of major labour unrest grows in S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG (R) — A threat of major labour unrest in South Africa loomed Sunday after union officials said about 80,000 metal workers had voted overwhelmingly in favour of a strike.

A more serious showdown is possible in the crucial mining industry, where 200,000 workers are voting to decide whether to come out.

Both disputes centre on wages and work conditions. Officials of the newly-formed National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (NUMSA) told reporters that about 95 per cent of some 80,000 workers, almost all of them black, had supported a strike in a ballot whose final results are expected Monday.

A decision on what action to take would follow shortly. If a strike is called, about 400 companies will be affected in the metal and allied industries, including car manufacturers.

NUMSA, which was formed earlier this year through the merger of seven unions, says it is the second biggest union in South Africa. But not all of its claimed membership of 130,000 are involved in the dispute.

A walkout by the metal workers would pale in importance compared to a strike in the coal and gold mines, which provide more than half of South Africa's export earnings.

The 200,000 miners taking part in the strike ballot work in 27 gold mines and 18 collieries and make up nearly half the total

number of miners in South Africa.

The results of the ballot are due this week. Union officials say privately that large numbers have voted in favour of strike action.

In previous years scattered strikes in the mining industry have been accompanied by considerable violence.

South African trade unions, which were legalised less than a decade ago, have increasingly flexed their muscles in recent years in actions sometimes resulting in violent confrontations with the authorities.

Earlier this year a prolonged strike by about 18,000 transport workers touched off clashes in which police shot dead six workers. At least four workers who refused to join the strike were murdered.

Scores of commuter trains in and around Johannesburg were targets of arson attacks, and police raided a union headquarters in the city.

18 hurt in police shooting

Meanwhile police fired shotguns at a group of stone-throwing black youths, injuring 18 of them, in continuing anti-apartheid protests.

The clash occurred in

Mohlakeng township west of Johannesburg, police added in their daily summary of politically-motivated violence.

In Tembisa township near Johannesburg, the charred body of an unidentified black man was found, the report said.

More than 2,500 people have been killed in the past three years of unrest in South Africa. The level of violence has been reduced after the government imposed a nationwide state of emergency 13 months ago, giving security authorities sweeping powers.

In another development, two men shot dead in a taxi in Swaziland were senior members of the African National Congress (ANC), the South African Press Association (SAPA) said Saturday.

Quoting "a usually well-informed source" in Swaziland, the independent news agency identified them as Paul Dikeledi and Charles Mapunda.

They were gunned down Thursday along with a woman by three white men whose car forced their taxi off the road as they were travelling from the airport of Mbabane, the Swazi capital.

Police in the mountainous landlocked Kingdom mounted a search for the attackers but reported no arrests.

SAPA said Mr. Dikeledi and the woman, Augusto Tsinini, had gone to the airport to pick up Mr. Mapunda, who was arriving on a flight from Maputo.

Church people begin protest sit-in in Seoul

SEOUL (AP) — Hundreds of Anglican church members, shouting "Down with the military dictatorship," began a sit-down demonstration Sunday, protesting what they called a police violation of their cathedral's sanctuary.

The crowd, estimated at 500, marched out of their church after a two-hour rally and began their protest on a sidewalk leading to one of the capital's main boulevards.

"Punish the police who violated our sanctuary," the protesters shouted as they faced off against several hundred riot police.

It was the first anti-government street demonstration in Seoul since last Thursday, when up to one million people filled the capital's main streets in a massive tribute to a dissident student who died after being hit by a tear-gas canister during a protest last month.

The rally and march Sunday were called to protest a police chase into the Seoul Anglican Cathedral on Friday to arrest 300 people taking refuge there.

Police firing tear-gas assaulted the bishop's residence inside the cathedral and arrested 26 people, church officials said.

The police assault prompted 22 church clergymen to begin an indefinite hunger strike Saturday, demanding that the government officially apologise for the incident.

About a dozen more priests in the countryside were to join in the hunger strike late Sunday, the church officials said.

Waldheim rules out resigning

VIENNA (AP) — President Kurt Waldheim has said in an interview published he has no reason to resign, and called a clear conscience the "best protection" against allegations that he hid a Nazi past.

"I did not expect the controversy surrounding me to continue," Dr. Waldheim told the Austrian daily Kurier. The interview was published in an early edition of the Sunday paper.

Accusations surfaced during last year's presidential campaign that he was involved in Nazi atrocities while serving in the German army in the Balkans in World War II.

The controversy surrounding

Dr. Waldheim's past did not let up after his election last June, as many Austrians expected.

The former U.N. secretary-general said he was disappointed that the controversy continued despite his sincere efforts to clarify elements of his past he is accused of having lied about.

Dr. Waldheim said the knowledge that the accusations against him were lies helps him cope. "A clear conscience is the best protection against such attacks," Dr. Waldheim said.

Asked what would have to happen to make him resign Dr. Waldheim was quoted as saying, "there is no reason for that."

Panama violence abates

PANAMA CITY (R) — Government troops kept close watch on the streets Saturday as a tense calm followed two days of protests calling for the ouster of Panama's military chief General Manuel Antonio Noriega.

Spot checks were carried out along several of Panama's main thoroughfares after Friday's violent clashes, the worst between riot police and demonstrators in a month.

At one intersection, a senior military officer told reporters that troops were looking for "subversives," a word which in recent weeks has become synonymous with opposition leaders and anti-government protesters.

Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Alexander, a close Noriega aide, spoke from his jeep in the heart of Panama's international banking centre where he surveyed troops in combat gear as they halted passing motorists to check driver's licences and search cars.

Opposition leaders have urged continued street protests and called for all Panamanians to join the caravans of horn-blowing cars that take to the streets three times a day.

Col. Alexander said about 300 people were detained Friday when police moved in to crush a non-violent protest and that most had been released after questioning. Military officials had said the number was about 100.

At least 10 people, including an American reporter and local television cameraman, were injured in the clashes.

Among those detained were seven Americans, whose status U.S. embassy officials were seeking to determine.

The street campaign began last month after Gen. Noriega's former second-in-command, Colonel Roberto Diaz Herrera, accused him of corruption, electoral fraud and murder.

Marcos: No invasion without American approval

HONOLULU (AP) — Deposed Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, seeking to explain secret tape recordings of a planned invasion of his homeland, says he would never initiate such a military action without the consent of the United States.

On the tapes, released in the United States last week, Marcos is heard to say he wanted to buy anti-tank weapons, anti-aircraft missiles, mortars, recoilless rifles, infantry arms and enough ammunition for a three-month campaign. Marcos also said on the tapes that Philippine President Corason Aquino would be kidnapped, but not harmed.

"The discussion on the tapes concerning arms and military action was premised on the prediction of the loss of the Philippines to a communist takeover or to a communist coalition ... and that the only hope of restoring freedom and democracy there would be a U.S.-approved invasion, which I would lead," Marcos said in a statement released Saturday night.

"I have always maintained that my place is in the Philippines and that I want to return to my country," Marcos said. "And I have repeatedly stated that I will only do that with the approval of the United States government."

U.S. attorney Richard Hirschfeld and U.S. businessman Robert Chastain released the tapes to the Philippine government and the U.S. House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs.

Hirschfeld and Chastain told the subcommittee last week that the tapes were recorded at Marcos' house in Honolulu, while they posed as middle-men in an arms deal.

The two men also told the subcommittee Marcos planned to purchase a 10,000-man army at \$500 a head.

"With respect to the tapes, my lawyers and I have no assurance as to their authenticity or completeness," Marcos said in his statement. "No definitive statement can be made until such time as the tapes have been authenticated and their completeness established."

Marcos said it appeared Hirschfeld's actions were part of a scheme to get money from the Philippine government, and to receive favours from the U.S. government for legal problems he faces.

Hirschfeld was charged with criminal contempt last year for allegedly violating a U.S. government order to stop selling stock in a sports management company.

The U.S. State Department has used the tapes and information gathered from Hirschfeld and Chastain to harp Marcos from leaving Oahu, the island where Honolulu is located.

"Mr. Marcos presents a real threat of leaving Hawaii and returning to the Philippines to orchestrate disorder and violence in that country," a U.S. official said Thursday. "We are ensuring he cannot do that."

Marcos said it was "bitterly ironic, incredibly painful and tragic" that he should be "publicly maligned, humiliated and threatened with dire consequences, including arrest," after serving the interests of the United States and "democracy" in the Philippines for 20 years.

Marcos fled the Philippines on Feb. 26, 1986, when Aquino's government came to power.

Marcos' lawyer Rafael Recto said Saturday Marcos had been "framed." He said the tapes had been doctored to discredit the former ruler by making it look as if Marcos was planning a coup.

11 AIDS carriers identified in Bahrain

BAHRAIN (R) — Eleven people, all Bahrainis, have been identified as AIDS carriers since the virus was first detected in the country in February. Health Minister Jawwad Salem Al Arayed said in an interview published Sunday. "We have to live with AIDS — it is a bitter fact of life. But there is no need to panic," he told the Gulf Daily News. Arayed said there were "no AIDS patients, only carriers." They included three drug addicts. Screening for AIDS is now enforced on all drug addicts and blood donors in Bahrain. Arayed said a media campaign to combat the spread of the disease was expected to start within two months and lectures would also be given at schools. "I think our society should know about the dangers of the disease," he said. "But it should not be exaggerated — just be careful and aware."

Parallel probe looks into links between contra aid and drugs

WASHINGTON (AP) — A second congressional committee is quietly tracing the government's network of secret support for the Nicaraguan contras, focusing on allegations that U.S. officials may have condoned drug smuggling, gunrunning and other crimes to raise money for the rebels.

The low-profile, year-long investigation by the crime subcommittee of the House of Representatives was made public last week, as the panel voted following a debate to subpoena three federal prosecutors in Miami.

The committee wants to question the three federal prosecutors about allegations that the nation's top law enforcement official, Attorney General Edwin Meese, ordered a halt to the investigation of a gunrunning ring.

Mr. Meese has denied published reports that he intervened in the case so as not to endanger an upcoming congressional vote on contra aid last spring.

But that is only "a small portion" of the potentially explosive territory the committee is exploring, Mr. Hughes said.

Mr. Hughes said the subcommittee is looking into the following allegations it has come across in extensive interviews and research:

— A convicted drug smuggler's story that he was offered a deal by prosecutors in return for funneling some of his ill-gotten gains to the Nicaraguan rebels.

— Evidence that a marijuana-laden C-130 cargo plane was permitted to land at Homestead Air Force Base in southern Florida, with profits from that trip reportedly earmarked for the contras.

— Allegations that the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) looked the other way on drug dealing by and for the contras. The White House has said that some individual contras may have engaged in drug trafficking but that there was no evidence the rebel leadership supported by the United States was involved.

— Charges that U.S. officials, diplomats and friendly foreign governments allowed crimes to be committed in the contras' behalf.

Reagan advocated 'unilateral action' in contra aid effort, Poindexter memo says

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ronald Reagan was so adamant on helping the contras in Nicaragua despite congressional opposition that he told a top aide he wanted to "take action unilaterally to provide assistance," an internal memo reveals.

The memorandum written by the National Security Adviser John Poindexter refers to May 1, 1986, meeting with Mr. Reagan in which the president discussed the upcoming congressional vote on contra aid.

At the time Congress was in the second year of a ban on U.S. military assistance to the rebels and was considering the administration's request to resume the aid.

The memo, released Friday evening by the congressional Iran-contra committees, also said Mr. Reagan was reading a book on "terrorism" and "was taken with the examples of presidential actions in the past without congressional approval."

The memo, written on the White House computer-message system, was sent to a handful of National Security Council (NSC) staff, including Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North, and reveals Mr. Reagan's frustration over congressional opposition to his Central American policy.

U.S. film and television directors call strike

LOS ANGELES (R) — U.S. film and television directors have on Saturday called a strike against two top Hollywood studios, Warner Brothers and Columbia Pictures, and the NBC Television network, to start early Tuesday morning.

The strike, which could eventually spread to other studios and networks, crippling production and forcing a rash of television reruns, was announced on Saturday by the president of the 8,430-strong Directors Guild of America, Gilbert Cates.

The announcement came after the Guild's national board had rejected what Mr. Cates called the final offer by the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers for a new three-year labour contract. No details of the offer were revealed.

"Technically, we are at war," Mr. Cates declared.

The Guild, which has a \$2 million strike fund, has already prepared thousands of "on

strike" pickets signs for the strike, set for 6 a.m. local time. NBC already has a strike on its hands, by 2,000 members of the National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians (NABET).

Warner Brothers' most successful film last year was "The Colour Purple," directed by Steven Spielberg. Other films it has distributed recently include "The Mission," nominated for an Oscar for best picture, and the jazz film "Round Midnight," starring saxophone player Dexter Gordon. Columbia was taken over by the Coca-Cola company in 1982.

Guild officials said one of the first effects of the strike could be seen on Tuesday night when NBC will televise the annual all-star baseball game without camera-men and sound technicians belonging to NABET and without Guild directors.

The Guild also covers produc-

tion assistants and stage managers.

The producers' latest offer was made to the directors shortly before midnight Friday night during a 16-hour negotiating session, the second in two days.

Film studios have been rushing ahead with production to try to beat the expected strike and claim to have a series of films, including the latest Burt Reynolds picture, "Switching Channels," and "Bright Lights, Big City" with Michael J. Fox, ready to run.

The National Broadcasting Company has a number of television series episodes ready to run next season. But some of the top series, including "Cheers," "St. Elsewhere," "Family Ties" do not have a single episode ready to run.

The daytime soap operas, which are in continuous production, could be among the first victims.

Former Reagan adviser goes on trial today

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former presidential adviser Michael K. Deaver faces trial Monday on charges that he lied to Congress and a federal grand jury about whether he used his high government connections to build a multimillion-dollar lobbying business.

Mr. Deaver, one of President Ronald Reagan's closest friends for more than two decades, was indicted March 13 on five counts of perjury. The charges came less than two years after he left the White House as deputy chief of staff to start his own firm. The firm quickly landed fat contracts with big corporations and several foreign governments.

The indictment was returned during an investigation by independent counsel Whitney North

Seymour, into whether Mr. Deaver's activities violated conflict-of-interest laws.

The indictment charges that Mr. Deaver twice lied while testifying before a House of Representatives energy subcommittee and perjured himself three times while testifying before the grand jury about the extent of his lobbying on behalf of Canada, Puerto Rico, South Korea and TWA airlines.

Mr. Deaver, who originally asked that a special prosecutor be named, has since asked the appellate courts to throw out the case on grounds that the law authorising Mr. Seymour's appointment is unconstitutional.

On July 1, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist refused to delay Mr. Deaver's trial while the

constitutional challenge is pending.

"There will be time enough for (Mr. Deaver) to present his constitutional claim to the appellate courts if and when he is convicted," Mr. Rehnquist said.

Trial is expected to last four or five weeks. If convicted on all charges, Mr. Deaver could be sentenced to up to 25 years in prison and fined up to \$34,000.

Mr. Deaver is the first person ever indicted under the Ethics in Government Act. The law was passed in the wake of the Watergate scandal of the 1970s, when numerous aides to then-President Richard Nixon were jailed for organising a break-in at the opposition Democrats' campaign headquarters and trying to cover it up.

But Mr. Seymour, in papers filed Thursday, said "the proof at trial will show that all the surrounding facts suggested Deaver engaged in numerous potential violations" of the conflict-of-interest laws.

Mr. Deaver lied, said Mr. Seymour, to protect his ability to make "millions of dollars of income for relatively little work."

Mr. Deaver "knew that truthful testimony would end all chances for the sale of his business ... for millions of dollars, most of which would have gone to him personally — and would directly jeopardise his lucrative income ranging from \$100,000 to \$475,000 per year," Mr. Seymour said.